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Toll free financial aid hotline available to students

■ **FINANCIAL AID:** Students can call 1-800-574-4AID about the \$10.8 billion in proposed cuts

By Mara Stine
Higher Education Reporter

Students can call Sen. Mark Hatfield, R-Ore., for free using a financial aid hotline and tell him not to vote for a \$10.8 billion federal financial aid cut, said an OSPIRG official.

House Resolution 127 will be introduced to both the House and Senate within the next two days, said Sadie Rogers, co-coordinator of OSPIRG's higher education program.

"An amendment is to be introduced that would reduce the cut

to \$4 billion, but we don't know who will introduce it," she said.

A student aid hotline authorized by the Alliance to Save Student Aid and state public interest research groups gives students a congressional up-date on proposed cuts and automatically transfers the caller to Hatfield after dialing a zip code.

"It is a 1-800 number, so it is accessible to everyone, on and off campus," Rogers said.

The number is 1-800-574-4AID and OSPIRG officials will be at the EMU from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. guiding people to campus phones.

Students signed a poster Tuesday in the EMU encouraging President Clinton to veto the financial aid cuts if approved.

"President Clinton said he'd veto the bill when it came up, so we're showing him our support," said Erin Curtin, project leader.

The \$10.8 billion cut could eliminate the interest-free grace period for student loans, dismantle direct lending programs, reduce Pell Grant funding and reduce or eliminate State Student Incentive Grants.

Rogers said students need to call the hotline to enforce the message that students can't afford and don't want financial aid cuts.

"If they are cutting financial aid, basically it will affect students and society as a whole," Curtin said. "Call Sen. Hatfield and tell him the importance of financial aid so that government will realize who they're hurting."



Mandi Bane, a junior sociology major, signs a poster encouraging President Bill Clinton to veto a \$10.8 billion federal financial aid cut.



Rachael Hicks, a freshman at Lane Community College, waited three years before getting her belly button pierced.

PIERCING POPULARITY

From nipples to navels, septums to surgical steel, body piercing is making its point.

By Samantha Martin
Community Reporter

Shane and Odette Dunbar have a way of getting under people's skin.

Their mark of semi-permanence can be seen dangling from navels, sticking

out of eyebrows, swaying from nipples, protruding from lips and tongues and hanging from ... well, you get the picture.

Body piercing — you name it, and more than likely it can be and already has been done.

In a basement room in an East 13th Avenue second-hand shop, black and white pictures of various pierced body parts adorn the walls. A reclining gray

chair, resembling a dentist's chair, is the center focus of the light in the room. To the right, a table with antiseptic solutions, jars, vials and assorted needles wait to be used.

After swiping it with antiseptic, Shane marks freshman Evyn Wedgle's eyebrow with a red dot. He then clamps forceps around the marked area.

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Cancer victim leaves behind memoirs to help other women

■ **STORY:** An *Emerald* staff member recalls her mother's two-and-a-half year struggle with breast cancer

By Cindy Long
Higher Education Editor

At the age of 22, I have now lived more than half of my life without my mother. When I was 10 years old, she lost her battle with breast cancer. My journalistic genes come from my mother, who had her own dreams of being a journalist. Last spring, I discovered some of her writings in an old briefcase and found her real story.

My mom died from cancer because by the time it was diagnosed, it was too late. It was not until last spring that I discovered she should have survived. She knew something was wrong with her eight months before her doctors realized it. Two months after she was finally diagnosed she wrote down her story and tried unsuccessfully to get it published in several magazines. Her entries are italicized.

I'd like to share with you my personal experience which I hope will keep other women from making the same mistake I did.

My mom discovered that one of her breasts was hanging lower than the other one day after taking a shower. When she asked her doctor about it two days later, he dismissed it as "nothing unusual." For eight months she adjusted to it and decided it was just a part of turning 40.

One lazy Saturday afternoon I was stretched out on the sofa watching a tennis match on television when my right breast began to throb. I unconsciously put my hand on the aching spot

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